



STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE
EAST LANSING



June 5, 2006

The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor
State of Michigan
111 South Capitol Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48933

The Honorable Shirley Johnson
Senate Appropriations Committee Chair
The Senate
Room S-324, Capitol Building
Lansing, Michigan 48913

The Honorable Scott Hummel
House Appropriations Committee Chair
House of Representatives
Room 351, Capitol Building
Lansing, Michigan 48913

Dear Governor Granholm, Senator Johnson, and Representative Hummel:

Pursuant to the Forensic Laboratory Funding Act, P.A. 35 of 1994, as amended, the Michigan State Police is submitting the attached report detailing the Forensic Laboratory Fund collections and distributions.

The Forensic Laboratory Fund is collected and distributed on a calendar year basis. The distributions are based on the ratio of cases reported by forensic laboratories when they apply for the laboratory funds. Forensic laboratories operated by the Detroit Police Department, Battle Creek Police Department, Oakland County Sheriff Department, and the Michigan State Police have received laboratory fund distributions based on calendar year 2005 collections.

The current fund balance reflects calendar year 2005 collections and 2006 distributions. The Forensic Laboratory Fund distributions to the Department of State Police are appropriated in the Forensic Sciences Appropriation Unit. The FY06 appropriation authorization is \$1,662,600. Distributions to Detroit, Battle Creek, and Oakland County are not paid from the department's appropriation.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jerri McClure, Division Director, Budget and Financial Services Division, at (517) 336-6692.

Sincerely,

DIRECTOR

Attachment

**Michigan State Police
Forensic Laboratory Fund**

Collections												
Calendar Year	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Total Collections	\$ 24,483.60	\$ 226,527.71	\$ 406,763.93	\$ 633,007.88	\$ 886,102.19	\$ 1,069,607.74	\$ 1,270,699.87	\$ 1,394,448.17	\$ 1,489,309.27	\$ 1,528,084.09	\$ 1,832,080.98	\$ 1,862,457.51

Disbursements												
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Detroit Police Crime Lab	\$ 4,162.21	\$ 32,351.72	\$ 54,425.01	\$ 89,007.87	\$ 129,050.19	\$ 164,291.75	230,118.31	233,848.96	180,083.03	178,751.30	244,687.05	253,285.57
Oakland Co. Sheriff Crime Lab	\$ 1,836.27	\$ 12,341.91	\$ 25,707.48	\$ 70,942.07	\$ 98,194.89	\$ 109,420.87	86,532.62	28,446.74	23,978.62	30,408.19	41,374.74	39,198.82
MSP Forensic Science Div.	\$ 18,485.12	\$ 181,834.08	\$ 310,930.35	\$ 449,172.83	\$ 620,309.94	\$ 757,603.16	946,933.19	1,124,901.34	1,278,104.83	1,313,329.57	1,534,852.55	1,558,330.26
Grand Rapids Police Department Lab		\$ 15,701.09	\$ 23,885.10	\$ 35,738.15	\$ 34,013.53		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Battle Creek				\$ 2,809.02	\$ 4,278.43	7,115.75	7,251.13	7,142.79	5,595.03	11,166.64	11,642.86	
Total Disbursements	\$ 24,483.60	\$ 226,527.71	\$ 406,763.93	\$ 633,007.88	\$ 886,102.19	\$ 1,069,607.74	\$ 1,270,699.87	\$ 1,394,448.17	\$ 1,489,309.27	\$ 1,528,084.09	\$ 1,832,080.98	\$ 1,862,457.51

Balance	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
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Summary of lab fee

P.A. 35 of 1994 created the Forensic Laboratory Fund to provide a means of funding laboratory costs incurred by state and local units of government. It is intended to enhance MSP's appropriation, not to replace or supplant the appropriation. Originally, the fund was generated through a \$150 assessment on defendants convicted of criminal sexual conduct and defendants convicted of cases where a forensic test was performed. P.A. 70 of 2003 consolidated several fees relating to criminal offenses beginning October 1, 2003; the Forensic Lab Fund \$150 assessment was included. P.A. 97 of 2003 created the Justice System Fund and provides for its distribution. In FY04 an amount equal to 3.9% of this fund is distributed to the Forensic Laboratory Fund; in FY05 and future years the percentage is increased to 5.6%. P.A. 99 of 2003 amends P.A. 35 of 1994 to allow for the change in assessments and to provide for distribution. In FY04, 19% of the distribution from the Justice System Fund goes to the Dept. of State Police to defray costs of complying with the DNA identification profiling system act. In FY05 and later years 45% of the distribution is designated for this purpose. The remainder of the fund will be distributed to state and local units of government.

Grand Rapids Police Department did not submit an application for funding in 1994 and 1995. In 2000, at the request of the Grand Rapids Police Department, MSP assumed responsibility for the drug analysis caseload previously handled by their lab.

Definition of forensic test - PA 35 of 1994

"...a drug analysis, toxicology analysis, or other forensic analysis or examination in areas including but not limited to, latent prints, microchemistry, serology, firearms, toolmarks, or questioned documents."